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Ac-Arg-Trp-lle-Gly-Trp-Lys—NH2 (SEQ ID NO:5); Trp-Trp-Pro-Lys-His-Xaa—NH2 (SEQ ID NO:6), where Xaa can be any one of the twenty naturally occurring amino acids, or Trp-Trp-Pro-Xaa—NH₂ (SEQ ID NO:7), where Xaa is Lys or Arg; Tyr-Pro-Phe-Gly-Phe-Xaa— NH₂ (SEQ ID NO:8), wherein Xaa can be any one of the twenty naturally occurring amino acids; (D)Ile-(D)Met-(D)Ser-(D)Trp-(D)Trp-Gly_n-Xaa—NH₂ (SEQ ID NO:9), wherein Xaa is Gly or the D-form of a naturally-occurring amino acid and n is 0 or 1, peptides of this formula can be hexapeptides when Gly is absent (n is 0) and heptapeptides when Gly is present (n is 1); (D)lle-(D)Met-(D)Thr-(D)Trp-Gly-Xaa—NH₂ (SEQ ID NO:10), wherein Xaa is Gly or the D-form of a naturally-occurring amino acid; Tyr-A1-B2-C3—NH₂ (SEQ ID NO:11), wherein A1 is (D)Nve or (D)Nle, B2 is Gly, Phe, or Trp, and C3 is Trp or Nap; Pm and red {Me_xH_yN-Tyr-(NMe)_z-Tyr-Xaa--NH₂} (SEQ ID NO:12), wherein x and y independently are 0,1, or 2 and z is 0 or 1, and wherein Xaa is Phe or D-Phe; Pm and red {Me_xH_yN-Tyr-(NMe)_z-Tyr-Xaa—NHBzl} (SEQ ID NO:53), wherein x and y independently are 0,1, or 2 and z is 0 or 1, and wherein Xaa is Phe or D-Phe; Trp-Trp-Pro-D4-Hisz-Xaaz-NH₂ (SEQ ID NO:13), wherein z is 0 or 1, D4 is Lys or Arg and Xaa is any one of the naturally-occurring amino acids .--

